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This is one big spoonful of sugar.

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LSUS staff member, Earnest Ellis, victimized by fire and loses home

by
Brandon
Mitchell

day, Sept. 1.

"After getting my family to the front yard, I tried to go back in the house to see what I could save, but I couldn't see past the front door because of the smoke,"

Ellis said. *Earnest Ellis is grateful to be alive and would appreciate any help in rebuilding his home*

No one in the family

was injured, but everything was damaged by the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

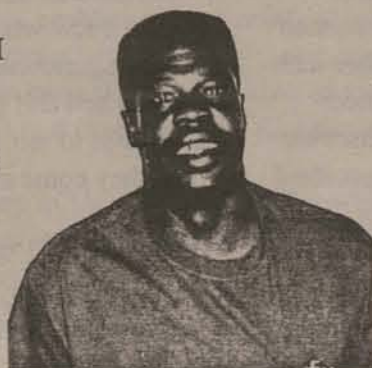
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lecting cash donations and household items. Checks should be made payable to Earnest Ellis.

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"Any help would be appreciated and I appreciate the help I

have gotten already. It's really great working for a place like LSUS where the people are willing to pull together and help out," Ellis said.



"My family and I were asleep when the fire started in my son's room, which was next to mine. My wife woke me up, and all I could see was white smoke. Then, I grabbed my grandson, and made sure everyone was out of the house," Earnest Ellis said.

Ellis, a custodian in the University Center for 10 years, lost everything when his Bossier City home at 910 Thompson St. went up in flames around 12:30 on the morning of Fri-

Publication of student-faculty performance evaluations unlikely

by
Matthew
Morris

by Senator Jena Martino, who suggested using the information to inform freshmen of what classes, and specifically professors, to take.

Students fill out evaluations of their professors every semester. The evaluations consist of a score, which is used by a faculty member's dean and department chair as a management tool, and written comments, which are only read by the faculty members them-

selves.

Martino hoped to gain access to both the scores and the comments.

Martino brought the idea before the SGA after discussing it with David Fletcher, and Brad Weatherly, math majors.

They thought it would be useful for incoming students to know how other students had rated professors.

Martino believes that professors with high evalua-



Need a hand-book?

The Student Handbooks are late for class, but they're on their way.

by Amanda Bell

Keeping up with dates and special events at school can be difficult with so many other things happening in your life. That is why LSUS produces a student handbook. If you are a freshman listen up. If you are not, just remain interested.

The Student Handbook is in calendar form with the handbook in the middle. It spells out LSUS policies like student conduct, transferring credits, final grades, punishments for misconduct, student appeals of matters, and book returns. Student involvement is promoted by listing student organizations with descriptions of their work and missions.

Have you ever gotten a traffic ticket/violation on campus? Your handbook is something you should check out for regulations

about payment. You can also learn about campus security and crime awareness. It also provides information pertaining to student services, such as the bookstore, the credit union, financial aid, Noel Memorial Library, student employment, and recreational facilities. Opportunities like the ROTC are also among the information.

The definitions of the handbook have been redefined. This handbook allows students to have important insight into their school with regulations stated and a calendar to help organize events. The new 2000-2001 Student Handbook is on its way from the printers. Look for it in your mail soon. Even though it wasn't here on the first day of classes, it will be worth the wait.

tions shouldn't object to having their evaluations known, and in fact, some professors are willing to release their evaluations themselves. Fletcher said that professors who don't want this information known are probably the ones with low evaluations.

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Publicizing results from faculty evaluations was discussed at last week's SGA meeting, but this is unlikely according to vice chancellor of academic affairs, Dr. Stuart E. Mills.

The idea was brought up

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any of several medieval treatises on a branch of knowledge (as the 9th century Arabic translation of Ptolemy's Greek work on astronomy)
- Webster's Third New International Dictionary

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From the editor

A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, as the saying goes, but when one looks at LSUS it seems that we are all medicine and no sugar. The academic standards here are impeccable and revered by faculty and administrators alike, but the students don't seem to be particularly impressed.

What do the students want? That is the question to be answered, since students (who are more interested in sugar) ultimately decide where they will attend college and not their parents (who are more interested in academic medicine). So until we discover what the students specifically want from their college experience, all the facts and articles about LSUS's academic excellence are moot and meaningless when applied to the needs of our student body.

Recently, students have shown more of an interest in teacher evaluations than in academic ratings. Most stu-

dents realize that LSUS offers several fine academic programs with a plethora of opportunities to research, study, and apply collegiate knowledge to the real world. However, a bad professor can easily negate all the positive aspects of LSUS for an entire class of students over the course of a semester. Maybe that's why retention rates here are so low: bad faculty.

Actually, most of our faculty here is exceptional and responsive to the needs of individual students, but there are a few who seem to have been genetically engineered in hell and placed on our campus to torment all whom they come in contact with.

Which ones? Who are they? What do they teach? Nobody really knows but rumours fly all over campus about various professors. Good or bad, these rumours are some students' only reference guide to the faculty. We deserve better access to each individual professor's

teaching performance.

Students evaluate their professors every semester, but yet they have no access to these results. There is an argument that if students had access and were better informed of the individual performance of their professors, then they would be able to choose their curriculum more wisely, and thus help insure their success here at LSUS instead of dropping out.

Knowledge is the key to success (Surprise! Surprise!)

The student body has been denied access to faculty evaluations, but that need still exists, so it's a safe bet that the students will fulfill it themselves. And when they do, some faculty members are going to need a lot of sugar to wash that medicine down.

Mark Rogers,
Editor-in-
Chief



Calendar of events

Thu Sept. 21
DJ Mixing 10:30-11am
Student Success
Series-Money-learn
the benefits of budget
and the dangers of
credit cards 10:30 UC
Theater and Leader-
ship why it matters UC
Louisiana A&B
10:30am

Psi Chi meeting BE
344 10:30am

PRSSA meeting
Bronson 336 10:30am

Fri Sept. 22
Almagest deadline
Law professor, Paul
Baier will speak on
"The Enduring
Legacy of McCulloch
v. Maryland"
11am Bronson 108

Sat Sept. 23
Carnatic Music
Concert (South
Indian classical)
6pm UC Theater.
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Sun Sept. 24
S'port Little Theatre
presents "Run For
Your Wife" @ 2pm
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Mon Sept. 25

Tue Sept. 26
Psi Chi meeting
10:30am BE 344
SGA 10:30am UC
Webster Rm.

SAB 10:30am UC
Student Activities
Office

Society of Reason
meeting 5pm UC
2nd floor Topic:
Pornography!

Wed Sept. 27
Pilots baseball
scrimmage with
Centenary 3pm
@LSUS

Thu Sept. 28
New Almagest
"Electra" perfor-
mance 8pm UC
Theater

Fall Fest fun, music, games, etc.

Fri Sept. 29
Last day for Noel
campus beautifica-
tion exhibit
Electra" perfor-
mance 8pm UC
Theater

Sat Sept. 30
Japanese Culture
Festival w/Red
River Revel 11am-
6pm KTBS
stage, Red River
Revel

Pilots baseball
scrimmage with
Centenary 11am
@LSUS

Electra" perfor-
mance 7pm UC
Theater

Sun Oct. 1

Letters to the editor

UC Apartments needs to be investigated

Dear Editor,

I'm happy that SGA is looking into University Court Apartments policies and procedures because they are unfair. I'm a former resident of UCA of two years and have moved on to BIGGER and BETTER pastures.

I don't think it is fair for University Court Apartments to hold records and grades because sometimes there are big misunderstandings that are not the resident's fault. I agree that UCA tries to work things out and work with you when you are having financial problems like most students are. But, many problems are not resolved because UCA cannot keep an accountant/bookkeeper for more than four months.

When living in the complex it was rumored that their books were always coming up short or the accountant was stealing money from the complex or the residents. These were only rumors, but when they continue to replace bookkeepers one starts to wonder. Within a two-year period there have been five bookkeepers.

Many replacements causes confusion, problems aren't resolved because one accountant will tell you one thing and by the next month the "new" accountant will tell you something totally different (trust me I've been through this kind of tug-a-war) from the previous one. So now you are caught up in a problem of he said/she said and no one believes you, the tenant.

Then there is another issue of privacy in University Court Apartments. When you are in a financial bind, they (UCA staff) post these big white notices on the front of your front door, where the whole world can read it and know your private and personal issues. This policy needs to be changed to a better way of informing and reminding residents about payments that need to be paid.

Last but not least University Court Apartments are NOT secure. The six-foot perimeter gate that everyone raves about stays broken. The gate is broke every month and it takes about another month or two to be fixed. So hoodlums, thieves, rapists, your basic criminals can come in and out as they please. And if the entrance gate is not broken, visitors will dial any telephone number on the call box to get into the gate. The driver will simply ask the resident if that person can let them in and of course residents open the gate.

If those two methods do not work, the two pedestrian gates have been broken since day one when I moved in. So all a visitor has to do is park his/her car at Wal-Mart and walk in the complex with no problems. Also, for the two years I lived there I have never EVER seen a CA walking or patrolling your building day or night. Hell, sometimes you have to page the CA three times before they answer and that is if the pager is working.

At last the dead bolt locks aren't all what they're cracked up to be. They are there for security but there are so many keys to your apartment that float around the complex. Due to maintenance workers who misuse the privilege of having apartment keys at their access they enter and leave your apartment and you may not even know it. But, don't forget I moved away five months ago and my key still works to my old apartment. Don't you think it's time to change the locks? Many will ask why did you not tell the manager or the staff? Well I did, but questions go unanswered and nothing gets done about it.

But, it's your many roommates and their guests you need to worry about more than outsiders. Because if you don't change your bedroom and bathroom locks like I did they will roam your room and steal CD's and jewelry like my roommates and their guests did. That was after changing the locks... but there isn't any love lost because things can be replaced and they were nothing but H-A-T-E-R-S.



Living with a better sense of security and mind,
Kahalia Barley

Third party should be included in debates

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to an issue that is seldom mentioned in the "mainstream" media. The candidacy of Ralph Nader for the Green Party!

Ralph Nader should be included in the upcoming presidential debates. It doesn't matter whether you support Nader for President, and it isn't a question of whether Al Gore or George W. Bush will be helped or hurt most if Nader shares the stage with them. It's a question of democracy.

Voters deserve a real choice. They deserve a robust debate before they cast their ballots. There is no justification for keeping Nader out of the debates. He will be on the ballot in virtually every state. He's a nationally known candidate who has spent decades successfully pushing for legislation that opens up government and protects consumers. On many issues, there is little difference between Gore and Bush. For example, both support expanding American involvement in global trade organizations. Nader believes such organizations reduce American sovereignty and threaten the environment and workplace conditions. We deserve a real debate and choice on this and other key issues.

The commission on debates has recommended including only candidates who receive 15 percent of the vote in polls. This number has no basis in history or federal regulation, or any logic whatsoever, except that it is sufficiently high to exclude third-party candidates who have yet to enjoy the full-scale national media coverage accorded to the two-party system. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura was polling at just 8 percent before his participation in televised debates, and he went on to win the election. The outrageous 15 percent requirement roadblocks the progress of third parties, and silences discussion about the issues they represent - issues such as real campaign finance reform and fair trade policies that include environmental and labor standards.

This is not surprising: The Commission is composed of Democrats and Republicans only, and the two parties want to keep their stranglehold on our democracy. How is a candidate from another party to get 15 percent in the polls unless the American people see him matched up against Bush and Gore? What are the Democrats and Republicans afraid of?

Everyone committed to true democracy should make their voices heard and call for inclusion of Ralph Nader in the debates. Call the Commission on Presidential Debates at 202-872-1020 or visit their website www.debates.org and demand that they establish a fair inclusion criteria and let Ralph debate. To find out more about what you can do, visit www.votenader.com, or www.debatethis.org.



Bradford A. Bowen
3rd year, Political Science

Access program aims at increasing 'at risk' student retention



by Scott
Balcerzak

LSUS has long been plagued by the problem of enrollment numbers that are at a standstill, neither substantially growing nor dropping. Over the last 15 years, enrollment has not made any significant changes, with a number usually lingering around a little over 4,000.

This fall, the university experienced a total loss of 170 students. These are problems that many on campus attribute not to a lack of incoming freshmen, but instead to the loss of students who enroll and then leave the campus without completing their degrees. Therefore, the possible solution to the problem has been linked to the process of retaining the students who are already enrolled as opposed to simply trying to attract new incoming high school graduates.

The percentage of enrolled freshmen that actually complete their degrees at LSUS is low when compared to other state colleges. LSUS's retention rate for

freshmen during the 1996-97 semesters was at 56 percent. This number is below most other state colleges, including LSU in Baton Rouge, which had an 85 percent retention rate. The problem is such a concern among the

faculty and administrators that recently LSUS has implemented what has been dubbed the Access Program, a program, which is

designed to assist the specific groups of students usually associated with these retention problems and attempt to help them achieve success in the college environment.

"Many freshmen students at LSUS don't acquire the study skills needed to succeed and often they don't even know their advisors," said Dr. Merrell Knighten, dean of the college of liberal arts. "Students need to develop the work and attendance habits needed for college life." Knighten recently presented the basic information about the Access Program during the Sept. 11 Faculty

Senate Meeting. The essentials of the program revolve around assigning a distinctive type of advisor to what can be viewed as "at risk" groups of LSUS students. This advisor would function as a type of academic counselor and offer



Photo by Mark Rogers
Dr. Merrell Knighten, dean the college of liberal arts

extensive advisory supervision. The "at risk" groups being targeted include developmental and non-preference students. There is currently one such advisor for each academic college

on campus.

"We're starting the program off at a grassroots level," said Dr. Terry Harris, associate professor of English.

"It is intended to help students

address the problems that any student faces upon entering college for the first time." Harris has been selected to fill the advisory position in the College of Liberal Arts, which means he will be advising close to

50 students during the semester. "To put it simply, we hope to make them more successful as students," Harris said.

Those involved in the program have further said that many of the problems concerning retention often are a result of non-academic reasons such as family problems and work instability, both of which can link to the fact that LSUS has a nontraditional student population. In fact, some numbers indicate that such reasons might account for as much as 80 percent of resignations during a semester. "Most students don't leave for academic reasons," Knighten said. "But there is still a need for closer advisory habits with many of our students."

Another problem is the

LSUS. Harris hopes the Access Program will lead to the prospect of not only more interaction between students and faculty but also more interaction between the students themselves. "Possibly there could be workshops in the future with the faculty and students to help point out basic matters freshmen need to know," Harris said. "Such interaction would further foster an identity with the school."

Currently, some of the most basic concepts covered by such advisors as Harris are the problems most regularly faced by "at risk" students, such as the need to keep up with classroom attendance and the need to exchange phone numbers in class. There is also the hope that this type of advising will

"It is common for many incoming students to not know where they are heading in their college careers," Dr. Terry Harris said. "Therefore, our basic goal is to be helpful to these types of students."

eventually lead to improving these students' grade point averages and help direct non-preference students into majors

by the end of their first year.

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Debate team seeks new members



by Curtis
Drayden

One of the major concerns of the Debate Club this semester is recruitment. According to Ms. M.G. Jarzabek, director of forensics, most incoming students may not know that LSUS has a

Debate Club that is funded on campus.

The Debate Club has six to eight tournaments a year. "This semester we need to recruit students who would like to enhance their public



Photo by Mark Rogers
Debate Coach, Mary Jarzabek wants you!

speaking skills, critical thinking skills, social skills and their ability to examine an issue from multiple sides. At the same time, students must examine an issue for truth and validity also," Jarzabek said.

The first tournament is Oct. 20 at the University of

Louisiana at Monroe. Others will be at St. Thomas University in Houston, Texas, St. Mary University in San Antonio, Texas, and LSUS.

"No formal training necessary, but you will need coaching," Jarzabek said. "Just be there and let us work on improving your skills."

For further information contact Jarzabek at BH 318 or call 797-5318.

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Freshman Focus program designed to improve freshmen retention rates

by Jennifer Knafla

A new program called Freshmen Focus is designed to improve student retention. Counseling Services researched and inquired of other universities and colleges across the country for advice on student retention, it was determined that the number one deciding factor for college freshmen is individual attention.

Freshmen Focus is con-

nected with the Student Success Series, which requires freshmen receiving LSUS scholarships to get ten activity points each semester. Five of the points are chosen from any of the student success lectures held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the UC during common hour. Two of the points must be obtained through SOAR reunion activities.

The last three points are earned through three Freshman Focus sessions. The first

session is designed to identify possible trouble spots and to get the student oriented with his or her classes. It also allowed the student to receive personal answers to any questions he or she might have on the resources available on campus.

The second session is designed to help the student determine where he or she stands in his or her classes. The session also teaches the student how to register by telephone.

The third session focuses on dealing with the stress and other problems in the last few weeks of the semester, and during final exams.

All sessions are held with a SOAR leader. "The SOAR leaders give a real perspective," said Paula K. Lewis, director of counseling services. "And this sets up a mentor for that student."

The mentoring system is supposed to lead students to involvement. "It's proven that students involved on campus

get better grades," Lewis said.

Freshmen Focus was designed to anticipate problems and to make referrals. Lewis said that college intimidates most students because they just do not know where to go for certain resources or whom to see for advice. Without the familiarization, students get lost or just caught up in their own personal and school-related problems and that, Lewis said, "jeopardizes careers."

Dr. Vekovius appointed interim science dean



by
Christopher
Ashby

Dr. William A. Vekovius, associate professor of mathematics, has been appointed interim dean of the college of sciences.

Vekovius is no stranger to LSUS. Vekovius taught mathematics at LSUS from 1973 to 1979. He left in 1979 to join the faculty at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport. In 1983 he left the medical school to start Softdisk Publishing, a computer software business, with partners. Vekovius returned to LSUS in

1999 as a math professor. He believes his best asset to LSUS is his business experience. He explained how a detailed knowledge of business and management is crucial to being a successful dean. "A business perspective is absolutely necessary," he

said. "Ninety-nine percent of my problems can be solved with money."

Though Vekovius has had years of experience, new challenges are facing him that will require new solutions. One problem is student enrollment. "TOPS is one factor," Vekovius said. "Students can choose a school like LSU in Baton

because the university could more easily compete for students.

Vekovius said he would like to build a healthy relationship between the university and the community. "The community looks here and sees 'that school down the road,'" he said. "We need to market a

unique niche and show the community a new image of LSUS." He said that showing the community what LSUS has to offer and what opportunities an LSUS education brings, will benefit substantially.

Vekovius also acknowledged the importance of having understanding faculty members. "Despite all of the problems we have with money the faculty is still enthusiastic," he said. "The best part about being the dean is being able to develop relationships with the faculty and helping them meet their goals."

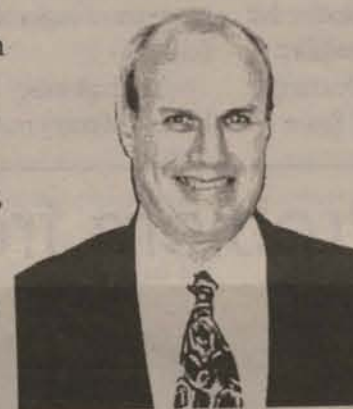


Photo by Mark Rogers
Dr. William 'Al' Vekovius, interim
dean of the college of science

"We need to market a unique niche and show the community a new image of LSUS," said Vekovius

Rouge over LSUS, because financial constraints are no longer a problem." He said that the increase in tuition and fees caused some students to leave LSUS. He said that by adding new curricula and more professors, LSUS would be a more attractive choice,

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Math enrollment has increased

by Anita Kelly

Enrollment for math majors has increased this semester over last spring. According to Dr Carlos Spaht, chairman of the mathematics department, last spring LSUS had about 15 math majors and now the department has about 20. This figure isn't exact because some math students are double majors.

Other students in the college of sciences are majors of chemistry, physics, biology and computer science. They were not included in the enrollment figure of math majors because they only take general math courses.

Enrollment increases have been dependent upon several factors. "Increases are due because we have started to emphasize that math degrees can be used for a variety of jobs besides teaching mathematical courses," Spaht

said. "Students tend to think you can only teach with math degrees, and it isn't true." A common misconception about math is that students think it is unrelated to their career goals. This fallacy could affect the enrollment because students may choose to register in another academic field.

In the 1995 issue of Monthly Labor Review, Daniel E. Hecker, an economist in the Office of Employment Projections at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said "Annual earning for undergraduate math majors ranked second in the top ten for men and ninth place for women." According to several studies tabulated by the Bureau of the Census, very few mathematics majors were working as mathematical scientists, although about one-third were in computer or engineering occupations.

The high salary for math was because of many math majors

going on to professional schools. Math majors are highly recognized in the professional world, Spaht said.

The department offers tutoring through a volunteer student service known as Math, Inc., assistance on multimedia computers in two math labs and weekly help session by staff and faculty.

The department strives for professional teacher development, classroom based technology and standard based assessments to monitor student progress, Spaht said. The department also offers a \$500 C. Donald Smith scholarship for math and computer science majors every fall semester. The Math Club is available to students who are interested in mathematics and who can participate in social events, organize meetings for presentations by speakers and compete in math contests.

Welcome back Vassar, welcome back, welcome back, welcome back!



by
Rolanda
Reliford

The students, faculty, and Almagest staff would like to welcome John Vassar, professor of philosophy, religious studies and history, aboard again as an LSUS Pilot.

Born in Houston, Texas, on June 20, 1969, Vassar is the eldest of three chil-



Photo by Mark Rogers
John Vassar, professor of philosophy, religious studies, and history

dren. He has two brothers, one is in his late twenties and the other is nine years old. His father teaches at the Marshall Business School in Marshall, Texas.

Vassar became interested in philosophical and religious studies when he attended LSUS. He was encouraged by English and history professors to pursue a career in this area.

He always enjoyed reading what philosophical theologians had to say about the subject.

Vassar met his wife here at LSUS and they have two little girls, one five and one two. He uses his two children as examples in his classes.

He and his family moved to Shreveport about one month ago from Waco, Texas, and

he is currently writing his dissertation for Baylor University.

While attending Baylor as a graduate student, Vassar did some teaching there, but teaching here at LSUS is his first time as a full-time professor.

He moved to

Shreveport to become a professor here because he was offered the opportunity to teach several different courses within the semester.

Teaching several

courses will enable Vassar to pull philosophy and history out from under the boredom rug where many people have placed these subjects.

His in-depth research interests in religious and philosophical thought as addressed in popular movies and songs are some of his hobbies.

He also enjoys computers and playing the hammer dulcimer.

He is currently teaching two sections of American History 145 as well as an introduction to philosophy class and an introduction to the Bible class.

We are very glad to have you aboard, Mr. Vassar, and again welcome to LSUS.

Good luck with the fall semester!

Problem from Hell



If A, B and C are different numbers from 0 to 9, can the three-digit numbers ABC and BCA both be divisible by 7?

Last week's problem:

If you meet any two of the Jones sisters, the chance that both will have blue eyes is 50/50. What is the likeliest number of blue-eyed Jones sisters?

Suppose that there are three blue-eyed Jones sisters and one brown-eyed Jones sister. Then there are three pairs of blue-eyed sisters, and three pairs of sisters with one being blue-eyes and one being brown-eyed so that the chances are 50-50 that any two that you meet will be blue-eyed. It is easy to check that no number of sisters less than four will work.

Is there another solution?

Please submit your answers in writing to Dr. Vekovius in Science 104, or on the Internet to vekovius@pilot.lsus.edu. Indulgences will be granted for correct answer. Others plan to buy air conditioners.

Noel Memorial Library exhibit highlights Campus Beautification Project



by Raechal Leone

A variety of faces appear on the amateur photographs displayed in the Campus Beautification Project exhibit on the third floor of Noel Memorial Library. Among the pictures of community leaders, faculty members and students of the past and present, one smile can be seen over and over in the exhibit.

That smile belongs to Dr. George Kemp, retired professor of psychology and former director of the Campus Beautification Project. Kemp's face is prominent in the exhibit because he was prominent in the project, from start to

finish.

Printed material in the exhibit cites that the Campus Beautification Project began with Kemp's desire in the mid-1980's to make the landscape of the University more attractive, because he equates beauty with truth and truth with learning.

When Kemp learned that the state had no plans to allocate funds to landscape the University's new, yet barren campus, he set out to find another way to fund the project.

"I badgered the chancellor to secure state fund-

ing, but we just couldn't get it," Kemp said.

Kemp officially launched the 14-year Cam-

pus Beautification Project, mately \$35,000 in donations, the project was finally completed.

At the end of the Campus Beautification Project, Kemp and his volunteers had planted 1,220 trees and 640 azaleas. Kemp said the work could not have been done without the large numbers of people who volunteered their time and money to make the campus beautiful.

"It was a true family," he said. "We would have pruning parties and the same people would come and help every time. In fact, Dr. Gloria Raines and her husband are two of the

best at pruning. They are regulars."

Kemp said that people who worked on the project through the years loaned him many of the photographs in the exhibit. He has a story to tell about each picture, but his favorites are the aerial photographs showing the campus before and after the project.

"My main purpose in doing this exhibit was twofold. First, I wanted people to see the difference of before and after the project. Second, I wanted to honor all the people who worked so hard on the project."

Photographs and memorabilia from the Campus Beautification Project will be displayed on the third floor of Noel Memorial Library through Sept. 29.

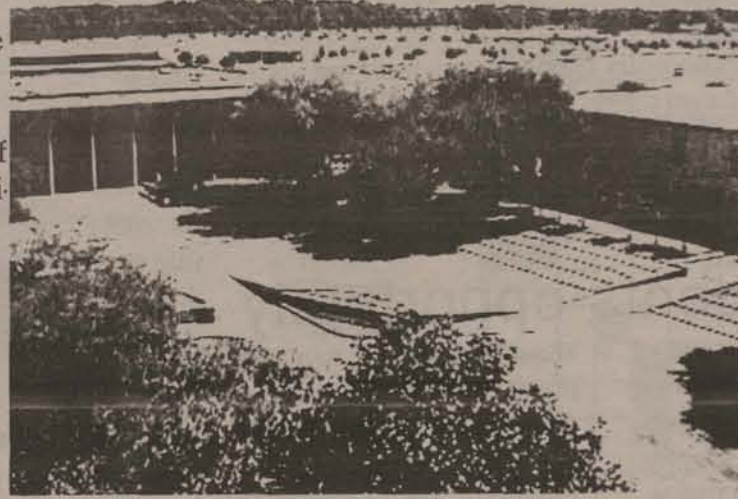


Photo by Mark Rogers

Dr. Kemp's efforts have helped to beautify what would otherwise be a barren campus

pus Beautification Project in 1986, with the financial backing of faculty members, local businesses and often, his own family. In April, after three phases of landscaping and approxi-

The Manhattan offers food, coffee, atmosphere and extended hours



by Debbie Bayer

JAVA may be bringing beans to your computer screen but what good is that in an 8 a.m. class or during an evening study session?

Insert The Manhattan to save your sluggish mornings with a full gourmet coffee bar and a range of breakfast favorites with a flavor of France.

No skyscrapers here, unless you're ordering a grande, but you can find just about anything else to suit your taste in this New York style deli and coffeehouse.

For those who are a little more accustomed to the

campus, the disappearance of cafeteria trays and retro colored chairs may have been the first clue that something was in the air besides humidity and the aroma of fresh ground beans. We have Grayson Bailey and James Beene to thank for upgrading the dining facilities, with the talk of more to come.

"Ultimately," said Grayson Bailey, "we hope to revamp the entire area to give it more of a coffeehouse feel."

This is the second

branch of The Manhattan whose sister shop is located downtown across from the courthouse on Milam Street.



Photo by Mark Rogers

Monique Souter, criminal justice freshman, and Jessie Covell elementary ed. freshman wait patiently while owner Grayson Bailey serves Saurabh Sing, graduate student

Both locations are less than a year old but still growing in popularity as word gets around that someone outside the fast food arena is making delectable breakfast sandwiches.

For the light breakfast snack you can grab a quick croissant or a bagel with cream cheese and still make roll call. Like it your way, right away? Try starting with a fresh waffle or naked croissant and pile on an assortment of toppings including whipped cream and fresh strawberries to create an artful breakfast that could satisfy any palate.

If you are one of those who hold out until lunch you are in for a real taste of New York. All of the sandwiches are named after sights in the Big Apple but it would be a stretch to have eyes, or a stomach, bigger than these sandwiches. Be it roast beef or chicken, Muenster, or Swiss, all are piled up on breads baked in-house daily ranging from an airy traditional wheat to challah. If

there is room left over they have you covered on the dessert side as well with lush treats like red velvet cake.

Those who have evening classes don't have to miss out on all the goods as The Manhattan just extended its dining hours to 9 p.m. "Also, we are trying to work out a way to stay open until midnight during mid-terms and finals," Grayson said. The Manhattan opens every weekday at 7:30 a.m., brewing and serving coffee with a range of flavors wide enough to make Jelly Belly turn green. With a recipe that caters as well to the student body as this one, The Manhattan is sure to remain a welcome change to the vending land with which we have all grown so weary.

Dr. Doerr appointed interim dean of the college of education

by Audrey Sullivan

Dr. Patricia F. Doerr, interim dean of the college of education, has succeeded to the position formerly held by Dr. Gary S. Rush, and she is excited about the challenges she will face in her new position.

"I am dealing more with

people now," Doerr said, discussing the differences between the dean's position and her previous position as the associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, a position she held for two years. She said those years were an asset because they allowed her to look at the university more globally. She had been limited to

working with faculty in the college of education.

At the end of the year, the university will appoint someone to officially take the job. Doerr is considering applying for the position along with the option of returning to her previous position.

Doerr has been at LSUS for sixteen years. She was

chair of the Department of Education for seven years. She earned a degree in elementary education with a minor in research from Southern Mississippi University.

Doerr said she is working to keep the college of Education as successful as

it has been and hopes to get new programs off the ground as well. She recently wrote a letter of intent to create a bachelor's degree in community health and exercise.

Also, Doerr is finalizing a joint doctoral program with the University of New Orleans and creat-

ing a master's of science degree in counseling psychology. She is also preparing for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) to visit in 2002.

"We will be very busy preparing for NCATE to come and evaluate the college," Doerr said.

Doerr said that she is pleased that

enrollment in the College of Education has been steady, and that the graduate program has enjoyed continued success. She said that she is happy to be back in the area of education and she is looking forward to a successful year for the college.



Photo by Mark Rogers

Dr. Doerr, interim dean of the college of education

Internships offer students opportunity

by NaKinna Adams

Internships enhance your education by helping you gain knowledge and experience in your chosen field, and an added bonus is that you can actually get paid. In some instances you may even earn college credit.

A virtually endless number of internships are offered at all types of businesses and open to all types of majors. If the opportunity presents itself, grab it. Dr. Christopher L. Martin, chair

of the Management and Marketing Department believes in internships. Its Executive Mentor Program pairs students with executive mentors in the Shreveport-Bossier area. The department hopes to give students the chance to gain experience and become productive in their fields.

"Internships are a big part of the Management and Marketing Department and are highly recommended," said Martin.

Unfortunately many internships go unclaimed. Students may not know

about them or how to attain them. Not knowing about them can be a problem, but it is fixable. To get an internship, talk to your advisor. Check with your department about possible offers.

If you who want to look around for yourself, try talking to local businesses related to your major. The Internet is also a good place to look. A search for internships can produce lists of web pages about the subject and companies looking to hire interns. A few popular sites are www.InternshipPrograms.com, www.internmag.com, and www.rsinternships.com.

Don't wait until your junior or senior year to start looking. Start before then. Give yourself the chance to try different jobs and gain even more experience.

An internship does not always mean a paying job. It could just mean getting some on-the-job training and job-related skills. It is also experience outside of the classroom. The things that you can't be taught in class. Not to mention that they look good on resumes.

The LA Center for Women and Gov't at Nicholls State University is now accepting internship candidates for Spring 2001

The Louisiana Center for Women and Government is now accepting applications for interns. The deadline is Fri. Oct. 13. The program is open to both male and female students in any major who have completed 60 hours of college credit.

Interns will be assigned to work in government agencies (usually in Baton Rouge) four days a week and attend classes at Nicholls State University campus on Fridays.

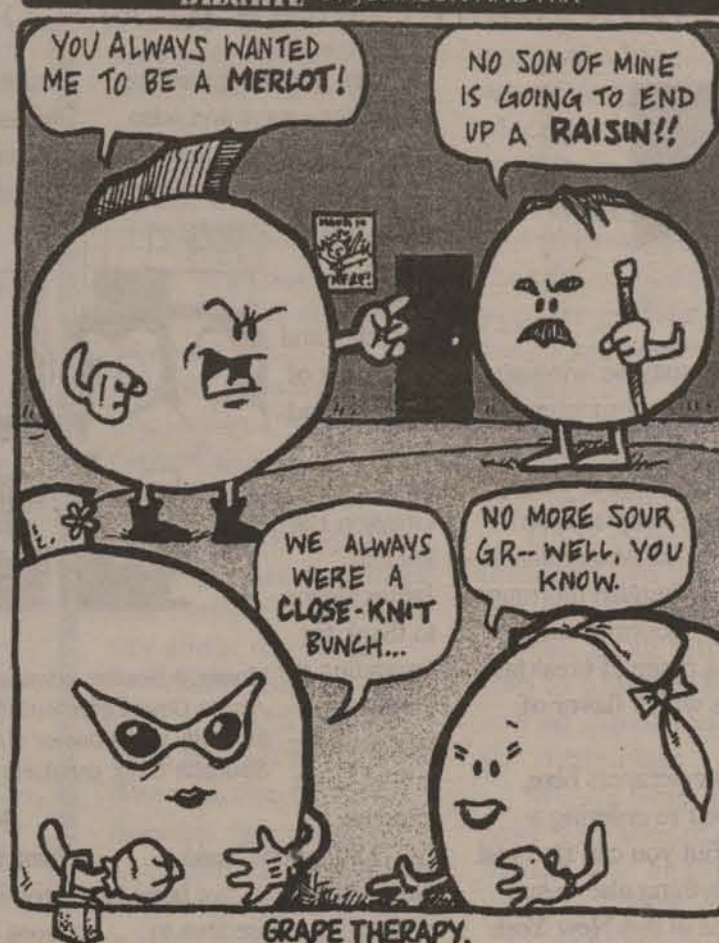
In addition to earning 15 hours of academic credit, interns will receive paid

tuition for the semester, a dorm room on the Louisiana State University campus (if needed) and a monetary stipend.

During the internship, students may not enroll in other courses or hold other employment. Interns are selected by a committee on a competitive basis.

For more information, call the Nicholls State University Dept. of History and Social Sciences (504) 448-4610 or the Louisiana Center for Women and Government at NSU (504) 448-4770.

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American Humanics receives \$100,000 professorship



by Curtis Drayden

The Louisiana Board of Regents has announced the funding of a \$100,000 professorship for LSUS to support the American humanics, according to Martin E. Albritton, FRE vice chancellor of economic development.

The professorship was made possible by George Khoury, a petroleum engineer and a graduate of LSU-Baton Rouge.

Dr. Norman A. Dolch, director of the humanics department said, "The professorship is a most gracious gift. American

Humanics was established as a not-for-profit corporation. It is designed to help students become successful youth and human service agency administrators. Any financial support that we receive is really appreciated."

The major purpose of an endowed professorship is to create stronger economic development ties between the private sector and higher education. To create an endowed professorship, colleges and universities must raise 60 percent of the cost from private sources. For example, \$60,000 must come from private sources to qualify for the Regents' \$40,000 match.



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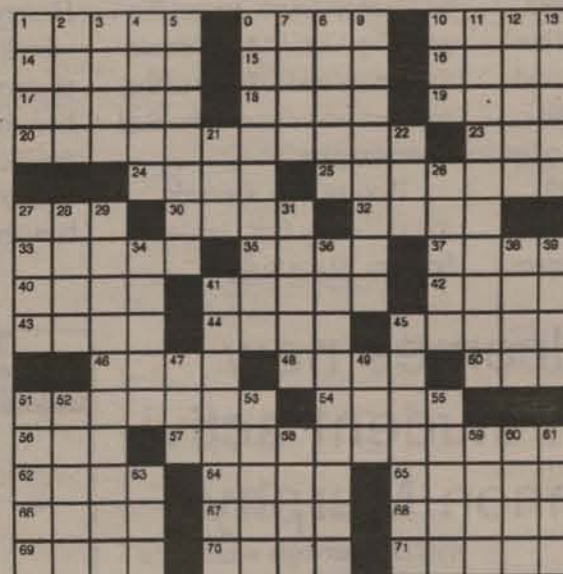
Dr. Norman Dolch of the American humanics dept.

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 - 24 Implement
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 - 43 Editor's directive
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 - 45 Remain in place facing into the wind
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SGA appoints seven new senators, four positions still available



by Scott Balcerzak

During last week's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting, seven new senators were sworn in, leaving a total of four open senatorial positions that now need to be filled.

Many of the new senators were also appointed chair positions on SGA committees. The new sen-

ators are Steve Martino, Matthew Miller, Jessica Beech, Amanda Joy Bell, Ryan Barnaby, Eric Brownfield, and Jason Roan.

The relatively high number of new senators was viewed as a successful turnout of volunteers.

Also during the Sept. 14th meeting, an initiative toward attracting more student interest was made by deciding to have senators visit Psychology 100 classes. These are study skill classes that are formulated for freshmen students.

During the visits, senators will try to promote interest in student government and possibly attract more students to run during the upcoming Oct. 8th-14th elections.

"Our basic goal with these visits is to let students know what is going on in SGA," said Amy Redel, SGA vice president.

Other issues discussed included the plans for an open-forum meeting to address the issue of student parking, which could possibly result in redrawing faculty-parking areas.

The senators hope to have this joint student and faculty forum in the near future.

Another issue included a proposal currently being drafted by Senator Jena Martino that could result in the publishing of faculty evaluations. If successful, this issue will allow students to check a professor's evaluations of what past students thought about the professor before taking the class. Guest speaker Dr. Beverly Burden, Faculty Senate President, said that she would bring up the

issue for discussion during the next faculty senate meeting.

Also, Senator Madiha Jamil announced that the University Court Apartments would administer a survey in order to pinpoint some of the most common concerns among their residents.

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Federal Voting Assistance Program

Pioneer Heritage Center to host its annual pioneer day on Oct. 14

by Curtis Drayden

Who were the Pioneers that settled the northwest corner of Louisiana? Where did they come from? How did they live? How did they adapt to life on the raw frontier?

The Pioneer Center and the Junior League of Shreve-

port, offers some answers to these questions.

Pioneer Heritage Center will host its fourth annual Pioneer Day Oct. 14 to celebrate the history and folk life of the pioneers who came to the Red River frontier.

Pioneer Day, formerly called History Fair Day, will be from 10 am to 4 pm

According to Marvin Young II, assistant to the director of the center, the center is a History lab, "This is a place where you can see how the pioneers built their first homes, how they clothed and fed their families, how they coped with sickness and hardships, and how their diverse beliefs and

customs contributed to the cultural mosaic that is Northwest Louisiana."

The buildings, the exhibits, and the trained volunteer interpreters who guide visitors give insight into the intimate home life of the settlers and the natural environment along with authentic cultural history,

Young said. The program includes re-enactors and various folk life demonstrations including: an artillery crew, quilting, muzzle loading, a blacksmith and a model ship maker. The tour is free and open to the public.

LSUS welcomes new director of student activities, Shannon Murphy

by Jennifer Knafla

New director of student activities, Shannon F. Murphy, welcomes the challenge of a commuter college. Impressed by LSUS's potential, Murphy's goal is to increase student activity and involvement on campus.

Murphy graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a master's degree in edu-



Shannon Murphy, new director of student activities

system through which the activities are provided.

She has taken steps to rebuild the Student Activities Board, which she advises. No formal selections had been made in at least a year for student

positions. Murphy has set up a selection process to replace the appointment process. Students who are interested in positions must com-

plete an application and be interviewed. Murphy said that the selection process will give a more professional atmosphere to the process.

Murphy also hopes to publicize events more by purchasing display boards. Positioned in front of campus buildings, displays would serve as billboards helping to increase student involvement in and knowledge of campus activities.

"I am very enthusiastic about the potential of the campus activities and have high expectations," Murphy said.

She is looking to have more family-oriented and routine programs to appeal to nontraditional students. Murphy is also trying to create a more organized

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LSUS campus police blotter

September 12

4:20 p.m. Campus Police investigated a possible felony theft at the UCA. A woman reported that after a guest left she noticed that a cellular phone and several Playstation games were missing. She was unable to provide his last name to police.

September 18

2:00 p.m. Campus Police investigated a possible theft at the UCA. A woman reported that a guest came over at 11 pm. the night before to watch movies and when he left at 2 a.m. the next morning, she found her cell phone missing. When asked she was unable to provide the suspect's last name.

Southwest Shreveport Rotary Club holds 12th jambalaya cook-off to fund college of education scholarship

by Rolanda Reliford

Each year the Southwest Shreveport Rotary Club gives a full-tuition scholarship for an undergraduate student in the college of education. The Southwest Shreveport Rotary Club consists of twenty-five members, one being their president Jack Whitehead.

The club had been hosting this scholarship project for the last 12 years. Each year the Southwest Shreveport Rotary Club hosts a jambalaya dinner fundraiser to help with the cost of the scholarship. All of the jambalaya dinners came with salad and bread and were

made from scratch. The objective of the jambalaya dinner fundraiser was to raise enough money to fund the college of education scholarship for another full year. The club's goal was to sell 400 dinners and they came extremely close to this goal, Whitehead said.

After the club raises the money for the scholarship, they give the money to the Financial Aid office and from there the financial aid office selects the recipient of the award. Dr. David B. Gustavson, professor and chair of the department of education, is a long time Rotarian who is deeply involved in the scholarship fund.

Whitehead said that the

club plans to do this fundraiser again during the first quarter and the club's goal with fundraiser is to fund a 2nd full-time or part-time tuition LSUS scholarship.

The funding of this scholarship will be based on the success of the next fundraiser, so please keep your eyes and ears open and go out and support the education of one of your fellow LSUS students.

If you missed the jambalaya dinners this past weekend don't fret because you will have another opportunity to taste the best home-made jambalaya in town!

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"If people don't want to give them (evaluations) out, what are they hiding?" Fletcher said.

Mills said it was unlikely that students would be allowed access to this information because all that kind of personal information is protected in the interest of privacy.

He compared the releasing of faculty evaluations to the releasing of students' grades. He said releasing this information would violate the rights of faculty just as students would be violated if their grades were publicly distributed.

He also pointed out that the evaluations probably wouldn't be very useful to students anyway. He said

different students will have different opinions of teachers, while one student may love a teacher another may hate him. He said with the wide range of opinions, it would be misleading to give a student a rating of a professor and expect it to be an accurate expectation of how well the professor teaches.

"We would pollute the learning environment," Mills said. He believes that evaluations may give students a false impression of a professor and this may prevent students from taking a professor who may in fact be beneficial to them.

Martino, however, doesn't think there is any point to keeping the evaluations private. "These are things a student would say to another anyway," she said.

Annual Crime Reports released



by
Matthew
Morris

There were also seven reports of felony theft, theft valuing more than \$300, and 25 reports of misdemeanor theft.

The annual security report covers Sept. 1, 1999 to Aug. 31, 2000. The report was prepared by campus police chief, Lt. Ronald E. Parker. It tallies the numbers for different categories of incident reports. Parker emphasized that a report does not mean a crime was actually committed, but that a complaint has been filed. He said that complaints seldom result in actual charges being filed.

"For example, we had a student report an auto theft and we found out that a family member had come and picked up the car, so we reported it to the Justice Department as an unfounded report," he said.

According to Parker, most incidents the university police handle occur at the University Court Apartments, which university police officers patrol regularly.

Parker credits the visibility of the police on campus with the relatively low crime rate.

Reports of sexual assault increased, violent crime decreased, while reports of theft remained about the same during the last year, according to an annual report released by University Police last week.

There were two reports of rape and four reports of assault/battery. During the year before, there were nine reports of assault/battery.

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